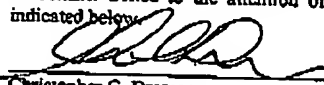


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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 26, 2003, please reconsider the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 12-15, without prejudice.

REMARKS

Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §121, the Examiner requires restriction of the application to one of the following groups of inventions: